

# Annual Reports

OF THE

## Town Officers

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## BENTON, N. H.



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**TOWN OFFICERS**

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Moderator,	James F. Leonard
Clerk,	W. W. Eastman
Selectmen,	L. A. Collins, I. E. Elliott, John Boutin
Treasurer,	James F. Leonard
Collector,	Lee B. McKean
Supervisors,	G. H. Clark, V. A. Brooks, H. H. Elliott
Sextons,	G. H. Clark, James Crimmins
Road Agents,	John E. Cox, Deseria Fillian
Surveyors of Wood and Lumber,	W. W. Eastman, G. N. Belyea
Library Trustees,	
	A. U. Mardin, James F. Leonard, W. W. Eastman,
Trustees of Trust Funds,	
	W. W. Eastman, James F. Leonard, L. H. Parker
School Board,	
	James F. Leonard, L. B. McKean, I. E. Elliott
Auditor,	G. H. Clark
Constable,	V. A. Brooks
Fence Viewers,	G. A. Clark, V. A. Brooks
Librarian,	W. W. Eastman
Poundkeeper,	J. E. Cox

## TOWN WARRANT

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### State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton, in the County of Grafton, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Benton on Tuesday the eighth day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To choose one Selectman for three years.

Article 4. To choose one or more Highway Agents for the ensuing year, not to exceed three.

Article 5. To choose one Library Trustee for three years.

Article 6. To choose one Trustee of funds for three years.

Article 7. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Article 8. To choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and building bridges for the ensuing year.

Article 10. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for State Aid maintenance for the ensuing year.

Article 11. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for State Aid construction for the ensuing year.

Article 12. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for Trunk Line maintenance for the ensuing year.

Article 13. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for payment of debt and interest.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to fix the road from E. L. & K. S. Morses to the camp of Clarence Bellows, and if so voted, to raise such sum of money as may be necessary for same.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to keep the roads open in the winter for automobile travel, and if so voted, to raise such sum of money as may be necessary for same.

Article 16. To raise such sum of money as may be necessary for Memorial Day.

Article 17. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for other Town charges for ensuing year.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on the credit of the Town until such time as the taxes are collected.

Article 19. To choose all other necessary Town Officers and to transact any other business thought proper when met.

Article 20. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of February 1927.

IRA E. ELLIOTT,  
JOHN BOUTIN,  
Selectmen of Benton.

A True Copy Attest:

IRA E. ELLIOTT,  
JOHN BOUTIN,  
Selectmen of Benton.

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

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Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year, Feb. 1, 1927, to Jan. 31, 1928. Compared with actual Revenue and Expenditures of the previous year, Feb. 1, 1926 to Jan. 31, 1927.

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue 1926	Estimated Revenue 1927
From State:		
Railroad Tax	\$ 60 30	\$ 60 30
Savings Bank Tax	56 89	56 89
For Fighting Forest Fires	2 72	
For Highways:		
(a) State Aid maintenance	232 90	
(b) Trunk Line maintenance	290 23	
Interest and Dividend Tax	6 07	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
All Licenses and Permits		
except Dog Licenses	256 02	256 02
Trust Funds	103 24	103 24
From Poll Taxes:		
From all taxes except		
property taxes	154 00	154 00
Revenue applicable only to New Construction and Improvements:		
From State:		
(a) For State Aid Highway		
Construction	374 80	
(b) For Trunk Line Highway		
Construction, Bridge	1271 65	
Amount raised by Issue of Notes	4000 00	
Revenue which must be paid to other Governmental Divisions:		
Reserve to Schools	95 75	100 00

Dog Tax	55 00	55 00
Amount Raised by Property Taxes	4344 46	5000 00

Total Revenues	\$11250 08	\$5785 45
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#### Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1926	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1927
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	231 00	231 00
Town Officers' Expenses	75 71	75 71
Election and Registration Expenses	55 00	20 00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	6 50	6 50
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	5 00	5 00
Health:		
Vital Statistics	3 00	3 00
Highway and Bridges:		
State Aid Maintenance		
State's Contribution	328 93	
Town's Contribution	328 92	
Trunk Line Maintenance		
State's Contribution	2451 32	
Town's Contribution	817 11	
Town Maintenance	1189 10	1100 00
Education:		
Libraries	12 00	12 00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and other Celebrations	11 80	15 00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	11 50	11 50



**Interest:**

On Temporary Loans	120 83	85 00
On Long Term Notes	1500 00	1000 00

**Highways and Bridges:**

## State Aid Construction

State's Contribution Highway 412 50

Town's Contribution Highway 330 00

## Trunk Line Construction

State's Contribution Bridge 1780 24

Town's Contribution Bridge 2670 37

**Payments of Other Governmental Divisions:**

State Taxes 480 00 480 00

County Taxes 417 00 417 00

Payments to School District 1564 85 1739 85

Total Expenditures	\$14803 18	\$5201 56
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**INVENTORY****Of the Town of Benton, April 1, 1926**

Polls at \$2 each (77)	\$ 154 00
Land and Buildings, less exemptions	221,188 00
Horses, 37	4200 00
Oxen, 4	250 00
Cows, 134	8895 00
Neat Stock, 64	2525 00
Sheep, 1	10 00
Fowls, 425	425 00
Vehicles, 4	500 00
Portable Mills, 1	150 00
Wood, 4 foot, 45 cords	
Lumber in logs	1,480 00
Hogs, 1	25 00

Total valuation	\$239648 00
Total exclusive of exemption	\$239648 00
Average rate percent of taxes for all purposes per each one hundred dollars	\$1 81

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Benton in Grafton County for the  
fiscal year ending January 31, 1927

### ASSETS

Cash on hand		\$1639 10
Accounts due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
(a) Joint Highway Accounts	139 14	139 14
(b) Joint Highway Accounts	139 14	139 14
(c) Bounties due from State		35 20
Total Assets		\$1952 58
Excess of liabilities over assets		2401 46
Grand total		\$4354 04
Net—Surplus, Jan. 31, 1926	716 02	
Net Debt—Jan. 31, 1927	2401 46	
Increase of debt		3117 48
Acct. Trunk Line Cost Bridge	2339 20	
Acct. Trunk Line Cost 1924	500 00	
Acct. Trunk Line Maintenance	278 28	

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Due to School District:		
(a) Dog licenses	55 00	
(b) Forest Reserve	95 75	
(c) Appro. Town Meeting	425 00	575 75
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:		
(a) Unex. bal. in State Treas.	139 14	
(b) Unex. bal. in Town Treas.	139 15	278 29
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Trunk Line Const. Bridge	3000 00	

Trunk Line Const. High. 1924	500 00	3500 00
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Total Liabilities		\$4354 04
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## RECEIPTS

### From Local Taxes:

Committed to Collector, 1926	\$4,344 46
Property taxes collected	4344 46
Poll Taxes collected	154 00
Property and poll taxes, previous years, collected	106 09

Total of above collections	\$4604 55
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### From State:

State Aid Maintenance	\$232 90
State Aid Construction	374 80
Trunk Line Maintenance	290 23
Trunk Line construction, bridge	1217 65
Interest and dividend tax	6 07
Railroad tax	60 30
Savings bank tax	56 89
Rebate State tax	374 00
Forest Fire Warden tax	2 72
Bounties	33 40

### From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	55 00
Incomes from trust funds	103 24
Permits for Registration of	
Motor Vehicles	256 02      256 02
National forest reserve	191 51      191 51

Total Current Receipts Revenue	\$7859 28
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### Receipts other than Current Revenue:

Long term notes during year	4000 00	4000 00
Refunds	25 23	25 23

Total Receipts from all Sources	\$11884 51
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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1926	1392 86
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Grand Total	<u>\$13277 37</u>
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# PAYMENTS

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

### General Government:

Town officer's salaries	231 00	
Town officers' expenses	75 71	
Election and Registration exp.	55 50	
Expense town hall and other town buildings	6 50	368 71

### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	5 00	
Fire department	5 44	
Bounties	68 60	79 04

### Health:

Vital statistics	3 00	3 00
State Aid maintenance	561 82	
Trunk Line maintenance	1094 12	
Town maintenance	1129 74	2785 68

### Libraries:

Libraries	12 00	12 00
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### Patriotic Exercises:

Memorial Day Expenses	11 80	11 80
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### Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	11 50	11 50
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### Unclassified:

Refund Motor Vehicle Tax	43 60	43 60
Printing Town Reports	59 37	59 37
		\$3374 70

### Interest:

Paid on long term notes	120 83	120 83
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### Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:

Highways and Bridges	740 00
Highways and Bridges	3888 02

New equipment	47 00	
	<hr/>	\$4675 02
<b>Indebtedness:</b>		
Payments on long term notes	1500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1500 00
<b>Payment to Other Governmental Divisions:</b>		
Taxes paid to State	480 00	
Taxes paid to County	417 00	
Payments to School Districts	1069 33	
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Total Payments		\$1966 33
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Total payments for all purposes		\$11,636 88
Cash on hand January 31, 1927		1640 49
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Grand Total		\$13277 37

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### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

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Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$2000 00
Furniture and equipment	200 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	200 00
Furniture and Equipment	50 00
Highway Dept., Lands and Buildings	200 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings, including equipment	1800 00
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Total	\$4450 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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### RECEIPTS

From 1925 Taxes	\$ 196 09	
From 1926 taxes	4498 46	
Total Receipts from Taxes		\$4604 55
From Bank loans		4000 00
From the State:		
Account Bridge	1217 65	
Account T. L. maint.	290 23	
Account State Aid maint.	232 90	
Account State Aid const.	374 80	
Account Bounties	33 40	
Account R. R. Tax	60 30	
Account S. B. Tax	56 89	
Account Abatement State Tax	374 00	
Account Forest Reserve	191 51	
Account Interest & Dividends	6 07	
Account Fire Warden Service	2 72	
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Total from State	\$2840 47	
From Local Sources other than taxes		\$439 49
Cash on Hand Jan. 31st, 1926		1652 43
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Total from all sources		\$13536 94
Paid out on orders from the Selectmen		11897 84
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Cash on hand Jan. 31st, 1927		\$1639 10

The Town has outstanding at the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank notes to the amount of \$3000 and at the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Co. to the amount of \$500.00 The interest on all these notes is paid up to the first of January.

JAMES F. LEONARD, Treasurer.

## SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS

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F. P. Death, bonding	\$11 00
John Boutin, Selectmen's expenses	18 10
L. A. Collins, Selectmen	24 00
Ira Elliott, Selectmen	18 00
Ira Elliott, Selectmen's expenses	10 00
John Boutin, Selectmen	54 00
John Boutin, Selectmen's expenses	8 95
H. H. Elliott, Supervisor	13 50
G. H. Clark, Supervisor	18 00
V. A. Brooks, Supervisor and Police	23 00
G. H. Clark, Sexton	11 50
L. B. McKean, Tax Collector	50 00
L. B. McKean, Tax Collector's expenses	5 00
James F. Leonard, Treasurer	35 00
James F. Leonard, Treasurer's expenses	93
W. W. Eastman, Town Clerk	35 00
W. W. Eastman, Town Clerk's expenses	5 00

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## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Report of dog licenses issued in 1926:

20 males	\$40 00
3 females	15 00

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Total	\$55 00
Paid Treasurer	\$55 00

W. W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

Report of Vehicle Tax in 1926:

37 vehicles	\$256 02
Paid Treasurer	\$256 02

W. W. EASTMAN, Town Clerk.

## ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

### Napoleon Boutin, Road Agent

Month of February :

N. Boutin, 1½ days, rate \$3.50	\$5 25
Jos. Boutin and team, 2 days, rate \$7.00	14 00
John Boutin, 1½ days, rate \$3.50	5 25
A. U. Mardin, team, 2 days 8 hours, rate \$7.00	20 25
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Total Month of February	\$44 75

### G. N. Belyea, Road Agent

January and February Report:

G. N. Belyea and team, 5 hours, rate \$7.00	\$3 89
W. D. Coats and team, 5 hours, rate \$7.00	3 85
G. N. Belyea, 5 hours, rate \$3.50	1 94
G. A. Belyea and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
W. D. Coats and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
W. D. Coats, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
G. A. Belyea, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
G. N. Belyea and team, 5 hours, rate \$7.00	3 89
W. D. Coats and team, 5 hours, rate \$7.00	3 89
G. Coats, 5 hours, rate \$3.50	1 94
G. A. Belyea, 5 hours, rate \$3.50	1 94
G. N. Belyea, 5 hours, rate \$3.50	1 94
Frank Beaulian, 3½ days, rate \$3.50	12 44
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Total Months of January and February	\$56 72

### Napoleon Boutin, Road Agent

Month of March:

N. Boutin, 1½ days, rate \$3.50	\$5 25
Jos. Boutin, 1 day 6 hours, rate \$7.00	11 50
A. U. Mardin, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
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Total Month of March	\$23 75

### G. N. Belyea, Road Agent

Month of March

Frank Belian, 3½ days, rate \$3.50	\$12 25
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Jos. Prue, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
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Total Month of March	\$15 75
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**John E. Cox, Road Agent**

Month of March:

C. C. Tyler, 3 hours, rate \$7.00	\$2 00
John Cox and team, $\frac{3}{4}$ day, rate \$7.00	5 25
Lee B. McKean, $\frac{3}{4}$ day, rate \$3.50	2 63

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Total Month of March	\$9 88
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Month of May:

J. Cox and team, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, rate \$7.00	\$1 77
J. Cox, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, rate \$3.50	1 75
J. Cox and man, 3 hours, rate \$3.50	2 34
V. A. Brooks, 6 hours, rate \$3.50	2 33
V. A. Brooks, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, rate \$3.50	1 75
I. Elliott, 3 hours, rate \$3.50	1 17
L. B. McKean, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, rate \$3.50	22 75
L. H. Parker, 5 days, rate \$3.50	17 50
L. H. Parker, 20 loads gravel at 15c	3 00
J. Cox and team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, rate \$7.00	10 50
J. Cox and team, 3 days, rate \$7.00	21 00
E. A. Mardin and team, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, rate \$7.00	10 50
L. A. Collins, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, rate \$3.50	5 25
L. A. Collins, 3 days, rate \$3.50	10 50
K. L. Howe, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
S. C. Dexter, plank	1 45
J. Boutin and team, 3 days, rate \$7.00	21 00
N. Boutin, 3 days, rate \$3.50	10 50
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	68 60
North East Metal Culvert Co., culverts	84 09

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Total Month of May	\$301 25
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**John E. Cox, Road Agent**

Month of June:

John Cox and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	\$7 00
John Cox and team, trip to Bath for Culverts	4 00
John Cox and team, 3 days, rate \$7.00	21 00

John Cox and team, 8 days, rate \$7.00	56 00
Will Carpenter, 8 days, rate \$3.50	28 00
Lee B. McKean, 3 days, rate \$3.50	10 50
L. A. Colkins, 10 days, rate \$3.50	35 00
G. Churchill, 3 hours, rate \$3.50	1 05
John Boutin and team, 2 hours, rate \$7.00	1 55
N. Burke, 2½ days, rate \$3.50	8 75
N. Burke team, 1 day, rate \$3.50	1 75
N. Burke, 4 days, rate \$3.50	14 00
R. Tukesbury, 8 days, rate \$3.50	28 00
A. U. Mardin and team, 8 days, rate \$7.00	56 00
L. H. Parker, 6 days, rate \$3.50	21 00
J. F. Leonard, 1 load gravel at 15c	15

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Total Month of June	\$293 75
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**John E. Cox, Road Agent**

Month of October:

200 ft Plank for Bridges, Acer Lumber Co.	\$6 00
John Cox and team, ½ day, rate \$7.00	3 50
John Cox and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
John Cox and team, 3 hours, rate \$7.00	2 33
W. Carpenter, 3 hours, rate \$3.50	1 16
J. Cox and team, 2 days 7 hours, rate \$7.00	19 45
N. Burke, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
N. Burke, Lumber	1 00
L. A. Collins, 3 days 1 hour, rate \$3.50	10 88
J. Boutin and team, 2 days 7 hours, rate \$7.00	19 45
V. A. Brooks, 2 days 7 hours, rate \$3.50	9 72
R. Tukesbury, 2 days 7 hours, rate \$3.50	9 72
L. H. Parker, 2 days 7 hours, rate \$3.50	9 72
J. F. Leonard, 2 loads gravel at 15c	30

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Total Month of October	\$103 73
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Months of November and December:

John Cox and team, 2½ hours, rate \$7.00	\$1 94
John Cox, runners for machine	1 00
F. J. Hutchins, 15 loads gravel at 10c	1 50
J. F. Leonard, 1 load gravel at 15c	15

J. Cox and team, 2 days, rate \$7.00	14 00
L. H. Parker, 2 days 3 hours, rate \$3.50	8 05
N. Burke, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
A. Mardin and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
L. A. Collins, 1½ days, rate \$3.50	5 25

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Total Months of Nov. and Dec.	\$42 39
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Month of January:

J. Cox and team, 2½ days, rate \$7.00	\$17 50
John Boutin and team, 1½ days, rate \$7.00	10 50
A. Mardin and team, 1½ days, rate \$7.00	10 50
L. A. Collins, 1½ days, rate \$3.50	5 25
Lester Noron, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50

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Total Month of January	\$47 25
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A. H. Ash Scraper	\$47 50
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### Road Agent's Report

#### Deseria Fillian, South Benton

Des. Filian, 2 hours, rate \$3.50	78
Geo. Fillian and team, 4 hours, rate \$7.00	3 11
A. Fillian, 8 loads gravel at 10c	80
Des. Fillian, 7 hours, rate \$3.50	2 73
Geo Fillian and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
Arthur Boutin, 2 days, rate \$3.50	7 00
Geo. Fillian and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
A. Fillian, 2 days, rate \$3.50	7 00
Arthur Boutin and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
Wilfred Boutin, 2 days, rate \$3.50	7 00
Frank Beaulin, 1 days 7 hours, rate \$3.50	6 23
Arthur Boutin and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	7 00
Deseria Fillian, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
A. Fillian, 2 days, rate \$3.50	7 00
Ammie Bourassa, 2 days, rate \$3.50	7 00
Deseria Fillian, cutting brush, rate \$3.50	10 00

A. Fillian, 41 loads gravel at 10c	4 10
Deseria Fillian, 2 hours, rate \$3.50	78
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Total Month of May	\$95 81
Month of July:	
Wilfred Boutin and team, 6 hours, rate \$7.00	\$4 68
Des. Fillian, 6 hours, rate \$3.50	2 34
Arthur Boutin, 3 hours, rate \$3.50	1 17
Des. Fillian, lumber	19 96
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Total Month of July	\$28 15
Month of October:	
Wilfred Boutin and team, 8 hours, rate \$7.00	\$6 24
A. Fillian, 9 loads gravel at 10c	90
Des. Fillian, 8 hours, rate \$3.50	3 12
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Total Month of October	\$10 26
Month of November:	
Jos. Prue and team, 1 day, rate \$7.00	\$7 00
Jos. Prue and team, 2 hours, rate \$7.00	1 56
Willie Prue, 1 day, rate \$3.50	3 50
Jos. Prue, 13 loads gravel at 10c	1 30
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Total Month of November	\$13 36

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Trustees of the Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. There remains in hands of the Treasurer as of Feb. 2, 1927, the sum \$1639.10.

G. H. CLARK, Auditor.

## LIBRARY REPORT

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Books in Library	300
Books in circulation	125
Received from Henry Ford, The Dearborn Independent for the past 7 years.	
September 8th received from Mrs. M. Morrill, twenty-three pamphlets.	

W. W. EASTMAN, Librarian.

### Financial Statement

Cash on Hand Jan. 31, 1926	\$49 62
Library fund	15 00
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Total Received	\$64 62
Paid Librarian	\$12 00
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Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1927	\$52 62

JAMES F. LEONARD,  
WILLIAM W. EASTMAN,  
Trustees.

## TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For year ending January 31, 1927

Received of the Whitcher and Mann fund:

Interest on \$500 U. S. Bond

Care of lot in Mountain View

Cemetery

\$21 24

Total Received

\$21 24

Paid out as follows:

Paid G. H. Clark, sexton, care

of Whitcher and Mann lot

6 00

For Schools

7 62

For Highways

7 62

Total paid out

\$21 24

Received of the Whitcher and Mann fund:

Interest on \$1,000 U. S. Bond

for care of Mountain View

Cemetery

\$42 50

Total received

\$42 50

Paid out as follows:

For Schools

21 25

For Highways

21 25

Total paid out

\$42 50

Received of Whitcher and Mann fund:

Interest on \$1750 U. S. bond for

Highways

\$74 37

From Whitcher and Mann lot

in Cemetery

7 62

From Whitcher and Mann care

of Mountain View Cemetery

21 25

Total received

103 24

Paid out as follows:

J. F. Leonard, Town Treasurer For Highways	\$103 24
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Total paid out	\$103 24
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Received of the Whitcher and Mann fund:

Interest on \$1750 U. S. Bond For Schools	\$74 37
From Whitcher and Mann lot in Cemetery	7 62
From Whitcher and Mann care of Mountain View Cemetery	21 25

Total Received	\$103 24
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, School Treasurer	\$103 24
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Total paid out	\$103 24
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Received of J. E. Cox:

Rent of Mountain View Field	\$12 00
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Total received	\$12 00
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, care of lots in Mountain View Cemetery	12 00
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Total paid out	\$12 00
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Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$134.71 J. C. Speed fund care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery	\$6 10
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Total received	\$6 10
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery	6 10
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Total paid out	<hr/> \$6 10
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Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$200 Whitcher and Kendall fund, care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery	\$9 09
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Total received	<hr/> \$9 09
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of Whitcher and Kendall lot in Mountain View Cemetery	9 09
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Total paid out	<hr/> \$9 09
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Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$50, W. T. Taisey fund, care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery	\$2 28
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Total received	<hr/> \$2 28
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of W. T. Taisey lot in Mountain View Cemetery	\$2 28
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Total paid out	<hr/> \$2 28
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Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:

Interest on \$50, Jonathan Davis fund, care of lot in Mountain View Cemetery	\$2 27
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Total received	<hr/> \$2 27
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Paid out as follows:

G. H. Clark, sexton, care of Jonathan Davis lot in Moun-	
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tain View Cemetery	2 27	
Total paid out		<u>\$2 27</u>
Received of Lisbon Savings Bank:		
Interest on \$50, S. C. Annis fund, care of lot in the East Cemetery	\$2 27	
Total received		<u>\$2 27</u>
Paid out as follows:		
G. H. Clark, sexton, care of S. C. Annis lot in the East Cemetery	2 27	
Total paid out		<u>\$2 27</u>
Ira Whitcher fund, care of Mountain View Cemetery:		
Cash on Hand Jan. 31, 1926	\$59 70	
Received interest on \$500 U. S. Bond	21 26	
Total received		<u>\$80 96</u>
Paid out as follows:		
G. H. Clark, sexton, care of Cemetery	4 99	
Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1927	75 97	
Total paid out		<u>\$80 96</u>

LEBINA H. PARKER, Trustee.

# Report of the Trust Funds for the Town of Benton, on January 31, 1927.

Date	Name of Fund	Name of Donor	How Invested	Amount	Rate	Bal.	Inc.	Exp.	Bal.
1897	Ira Whitcher	Ira Whitcher	U S Liberty Bond	\$ 500 00	4¼%	\$59 70	\$ 21 26	\$ 4 99	\$75 97
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	500 00	4¼%		21 24	21 24	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1000 00	4¼%		42 50	42 50	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1750 00	4¼%		74 37	74 37	
1910	Chase Whitcher & Edward F Mann	Elvah G Mann	U S Liberty Bond	1750 00	4¼%		74 37	74 37	
1917	L H Parker	L H Parker	2 acres of land	300 00			12 00	12 00	
1919	J C Speed	Return from State	Lisbon Savings Bank	134 71	4%		6 10	6 10	
1921	Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall	Betsey S Kendall	Lisbon Savings Bank	200 00	4%		9 09	9 09	
1924	William F Taisey	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4%		2 28	2 28	
1924	Jonathan Davis	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4%		2 27	2 27	
1924	Samuel C Annis	Milo H Annis & wife	Lisbon Savings Bank	50 00	4%		2 27	2 27	

All funds for cemetery lots except 4th for schools and 5th for highways

## SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1927-28

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School Board's estimate of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1927.

### Detailed Statement of Expenditures

#### Support of Schools:

Teacher's salary	\$900 00	
Text books and supplies	30 00	
Janitor's service	36 00	
Janitor's supplies	5 00	
Fuel	40 00	
Health supervision	27 03	
Transportation of pupils	216 00	
Elementary tuition	144 00	
High school tuition	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$1473 03

#### Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	30 00	
Superintendent's excess salary	70 00	
Per capita tax	54 00	
Payment of money borrowed	100 00	
Expense of administration	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 260 00

#### Total amount required to meet

School Board's budget \$1733 03

#### Estimated Income of the District

State Aid (estimated)	70 00
Dog tax (estimate)	40 00
Income from trust funds	103 00
National forest reserve (est.)	100 00

Income not raised by taxation \$313 00

Amount required for School Board's budget \$1420 03

In addition to the amount of the budget, \$1420.03, the district should raise about \$300 to cover the probable deficit for the year 1926-27.

Benton N. H.

JAMES F. LEONARD,  
LEE B. McKEAN,

School Board.

## SCHOOL REPORT

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Financial report of the Benton School District for the last fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1925 and ending June 30, 1926.

### RECEIPTS

#### From taxation:

For the support of elementary schools	\$1020 00	
For high school tuition	96 00	
For the salaries of district officers	30 00	
For the payment of per capita tax	54 00	
For deficit in 1924-25	300 00	
Borrowed from income for 1925-26	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1600 00

#### From other sources:

National forest reserve	\$117 12	
State equalization fund	69 44	
Dog licenses	44 10	
Elementary school tuitions	125 00	
Income from local trust funds	96 98	
Refund	55	
	<hr/>	\$ 453 19

Total receipts	\$2053 19
Cash on hand July 1, 1925	353 19
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Grand total	\$2406 38

### PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers	\$30 00
Superintendent's excess salary	60 00
Expenses of administration	5 80
Teacher's salary	735 00

Scholar's supplies	25 23	
Janitor service	32 00	
Fuel	40 00	
Janitor supplies	1 00	
Minor repairs	19	
Health Supervision	20 64	
Transportation of pupils	221 00	
High school tuition	96 00	
Elementary school tuition	180 00	
Insurance	30 00	
Alterations on school building	780 00	
Per capita tax	54 00	
Papment of bills of previous year	69 00	
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Total expenditures		\$2380 59
Cash on hand June 30, 1926		25 79
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Grand total		\$2406 38

On June 30, 1926 the district owed \$21 on the teacher's salary and \$100 to the school fund for 1926-27, making a total deficit of \$95.21 for the year.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To date twenty pupils have been registered in the Benton Street school this year. At present only fourteen are in attendance, six having moved away. There are four children attending the East Haverhill school from Benton Flats. Two of these are over two miles from school and have to be transported. No Benton children are reported in the Glen Cliff school so far this year. The town is paying the high school tuition of Lydia Fillian, a senior at Haverhill Academy.

The attendance record for the year ending June 30, 1926 was not quite so good as for the previous year. The per cent of attendance for the year was 93 with eight tardy marks. Welton McKean was not late nor absent during the year. There were five no school days due to holidays and teachers' institutes. The general school spirit continues to be excellent. The quantity and quality of the school work is also good.

Laurie Morse, Bernard Cox and Howard Tyler completed the eighth grade work in June. The two latter are attending school this winter and taking advanced work. Public school education in these days includes the high school. Few pupils leave school till they have completed a high school course. While the state does not require attendance at high school, it does guarantee every child in the state, who is qualified, free tuition. The three pupils named above would greatly profit by attendance at high school.

For several years the Public Library Commission at Concord has sent to the Benton school two traveling libraries of some forty books each for the use of the school and community. They furnish a varied assortment of books which may safely be put in the hands of young people. The cost is merely transportation one way.

The present teacher, Miss Harriet Wilson, is teaching for the first time in a New Hampshire school.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN J. PAGE.

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### BENTON BIRTH RECORD

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John C. Boutin, born Feb. 14, 1926, to John Boutin and Ethel Clough, both born in Benton.

Clyde Tewksbury, born Aug. 29, 1926, to Roscoe M. Tewksbury and Helen Wheeler, father born in Bath, mother born in Orford.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William W. Eastman, Town Clerk.

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### BENTON MARRIAGE RECORD

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Aime Bourassa and Delvina Beaulieu, both of Benton, married Apr. 5, 1926, at Woodsville by Rev. P. E. Walsh, Catholic priest. Groom's age 21, bride's age 23; groom farmer, bride housewife.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William W. Eastman, Town Clerk.

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### BENTON DEATH RECORD

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Charles W. Morse, died Jan. 23, 1926, aged 72, born Lisbon, farmer, married.

Eva Tyronis, died at State San. Jan. 29, 1926, aged 69, born England, married.

Edward Mackie, died at State San. Feb. 13, 1926,



aged 49, born Finland, married.

Ethel Holley, died at State San. Mar. 9, 1926, aged 33, born Goffstown, married.

Elizabeth Coxle, died at State San. Apr. 8, 1926, aged 59, born Canada, widow.

Patrick Sacco, died at State San. May 23, 1926, aged 22, born Argentina, single.

Mary Larigue, died at State San. May 17, 1926, aged 52, born Manchester, married.

May Gertrude Dean, died at State San. Sept. 9, 1926, aged 23, born Newbury, Vt., single.

Maude E. McKean, died in Woodsville, Oct. 28, 1926, aged 29, born Benton, married.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

William W. Eastman, Town Clerk.





